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In re Application of

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For **SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHODS**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initiating the Examination of the above-described continuation application, Applicants herewith submit the following Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 and add the following claim:

- 1 2. A method of processing signals:
- 2 inputting a signal, said signal comprising programming and an
- 3 embedded identification datum;
- 4 inputting a transmission schedule to a controller that controls a
- 5 transmission station, said schedule comprising at least one of:
- 6 (1) a time at which to transmit said signal; and